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~~2~~ (Amended) The method of claim 1, where the final concentration of ammonium sulfate in the composition is about 1-64 mM.

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(Amended) The method of according to claim 2, where the final concentration of ammonium sulfate in the composition is about 5-32 mM.

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(Amended) The method of according to claim 2, where the final concentration of ammonium sulfate in the composition is about 10 mM.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent binds to said RNA.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is a polyamine.

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(Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said polyamine is selected from spermine, spermidine, and putrescine.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is a cationic detergent.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is a nucleic acid dye.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is actinomycin.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the nucleic acid dye is ethidium bromide or cyanine dye.

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(Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said agent is a charged polysaccharide.